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BOARD MINUTES

January 21, 2021
Brookings City & County Government Center
520 3rd Street Room 300
Brookings SD 57006

Meeting was brought to order at 12:30 by Jason Meusburger on January 21, 2021.

Present: Jason Meusburger, Bobby Punt, Ellie Vandenberg;
Rich Galbraith, Stacy Smith, Mike Holzhauser, Larry Jensen-County Commissioner

Board Chair Jason Meusburger asked for any changes to the proposed agenda. No changes made.

Bobby made the motion to approve the agenda, Ellie, all voted yay, motion carried.

October 15, 2020 minutes were approved: Motion by Ellie, second by Bobby. All voted yay, Motion Carried.

No special requests were presented.

Stacy went over the staff report. There are currently 277 people receiving assistance on the Section 8 program. This includes Mod-Rehab. Approximately 20 people on the waiting list. The total funding for 2020 was \$1,660,845.00. The Housing Assistance Payments sent out to landlords and utility companies on behalf of current tenants is approx. \$1,480,693.00. Discussion was held on the availability to assist more people on the programs. The Housing Specialist at Brookings County Housing Authority is working diligently on adding more people to the program as money allows.

Financial reports for Brookings County Section 8 Voucher Program were read by Rich Galbraith; Bobby motioned to approve financials as read, second by Ellie. All voted yay, motion carried. Financial report for the Brookings County Mod-Rehab program were read by Rich; Ellie motioned to approve, second by Bobby, all voted yay, motion carried.

No old business was discussed.

Stacy discussed the Security Deposit Award from SDHDA. Brookings County Housing was awarded \$25,000 to help individuals in the area pay their security deposit. After discussion, Ellie made the motion to assist with 80% of a person's security deposit, second by Bobby, all voted yay, motion carried.

Effective 12/2/2020 Angie Schmitz resigned from the Brookings County Housing Board. Effective 1/13/2021, Mike Holzhauser resigned from the Brookings County Housing Board due to conflict with the state codified law. Mike will now be a non-voting member of the Brookings County Housing Board. The Brookings County Commission has posted the need for board members for Brookings Housing on their website. Mike and Jason have also reached out to potential candidates. We will need 2 members within the city limits to fill the remaining terms for the 2 opens seats.

Discussion was held on updating the Housing Ordinance, and updates for the County Commission going forward.

Next Quarterly Meeting scheduled for April 15th, 2021 at 12:00pm at Brookings County & City Building

Adjournment: Motion by Elli, seconded by Bobby. All voted yay, Motion Carried.

APPROVED:

President

Date